

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant adds new dependent claim 12. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim to foreign priority and for confirming that the certified copy of the priority document was received. As a formality, Applicant requests that the Examiner check the appropriate boxes on the Office Action cover sheet in the next Office Action.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing form PTO-1449 in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July, 13 2000.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by McIntyre (US 5,917,548). Although not formally stated, the Examiner also appears to reject claim 11 under 102(e) as being anticipated by McIntyre in the body of the rejection. For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites the feature “wherein the image on said monitor can be viewed concurrently with the printing of the image on said printer.” McIntyre discloses a monitor (38) that has to physically enter the camera body (1) before the media (224) can be exposed to an image (see Figures 4 and 6, col. 4, lines 49-55). Applicant submits that the monitor (38) of McIntyre cannot be concurrently viewed with the printing of the image because the monitor (38)

is enclosed in the camera housing (1) while the printing operation occurs. Therefore, McIntyre does not disclose all the elements of the claimed combination.

Because claims 2-6 depend from independent claim 1, Applicant submits that these claims are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependency. They further distinguish by virtue of the additional limitations set forth therein.

For example, claim 6 recites the feature of “an electronic viewfinder for displaying moving images of the subject in a real time fashion based on the electronic image signal picked up through the imaging device.” The Examiner alleges that area image sensor 20 is the viewfinder. Applicant submits that area image sensor 20 is a charge coupled device (col. 2, lines 51-52) that receives light representative of the image (col. 2, lines 56-57). McIntyre does not disclose or suggest that area image sensor 20 can be used as a viewfinder as claimed above.

Because claim 7 recites features similar to claim 1, Applicant submits that claim 7 is patentable for at least the reason given above in claim 1.

Because claims 8-11 depend on independent claim 7, Applicant submits that these claims are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependency.

By this Amendment, Applicant has added new dependent claim 12. Applicant submits this claim is patentable based on the combination of features set forth therein.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

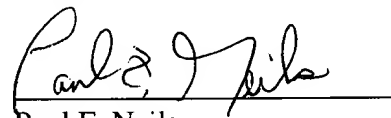
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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